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PANAMA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows:

Week ended June 23, 1907. Present officially estimated population, 4,954; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 19	Bertha	New Orleans via Colon.....	26	0	14	0
19	Bluefields	New Orleans	23	1	2	0
20	Fort Morgan	Mobile	23	1	0	0
20	Hispania	do	19	0	0	0
22	Bertha	New Orleans	26	1	12	0

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Plague in Indo-China and at Hongkong—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, May 14, 21, and 28:

Week ended May 11, 1907. No quarantinable diseases reported for the city of Manila. Vessels granted consular bills of health as follows:

May 4, the United States army transport *Sherman*, with 183 crew and 536 passengers, granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. Crew and steerage passengers bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected. Vessel partially disinfected. All persons on board inspected at the hour of sailing. Cargo and baggage either disinfected or passed after inspection, and so certified.

May 10, the British steamship *Chingtu*, with 70 crew and 62 passengers, granted a supplemental bill of health for Zamboanga.

May 11, the British steamship *Linan*, with 66 crew, en route from Hongkong and Amoy to Iloilo, granted a supplemental bill of health.

Plague in Indo-China.

No quarantinable diseases for week ended May 18, 1907. Manila still continues to remain free of plague, the last case having been reported April 20, 1906. The disease has, however, made its appearance in Saigon, Indo-China, and in view of the large shipments of rice which are being continuously made from that port to Manila, it has been deemed advisable to require all vessels from that port to discharge their cargo in the bay into lighters, to request the crew to remain on board, and to fumigate the vessels several times during the discharge of the cargo.

There has also been a decided increase in the number of cases of plague reported at Hongkong, the number having risen from a few cases per week to 15 cases and 10 deaths for the week ended May 11, 1907. On account, however, of a service officer being stationed at that port who inspects all vessels before they proceed to the Philip-

pine Islands, it has not been deemed necessary to impose any additional restrictions upon vessels from Hongkong upon their arrival here.

Vessels clearing for United States ports treated as follows:

May 13, the United States army transport *Dix*, with 134 crew and 8 passengers, was granted a consular bill of health for Seattle and Tacoma. Crew and passengers inspected on board at the hour of sailing. Cargo and baggage either disinfected or passed after inspection.

May 13, the German steamship *Alesia*, with 46 crew, en route from New York to Iloilo and Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health.

May 16, the British steamship *Taiyuan*, with 72 crew and 43 passengers, en route from Yokohama to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health for Zamboanga.

May 16, the British steamship *Stettin*, with 61 crew, en route from Saigon to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health.

Week ended May 25, 1907. No quarantinable diseases at Manila. Consular bills of health issued as follows:

May 21, the British steamship *Indramayo*, with 58 crew, en route from China and Japan ports for Boston and New York via Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

May 22, the British steamship *Poona*, with 114 crew, was granted a supplemental bill of health for Cebu.

May 22, the British steamship *Erroll*, with 45 crew, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health, personnel inspected, and manifests viséed.

May 22, the American steamship *Tremont*, with 138 crew and 56 passengers, was granted a consular bill of health for Tacoma, personnel inspected, baggage and cargo disinfected or passed after inspection, and manifests signed.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Mortality, May, 1907.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports June 20, through Chief Quarantine Officer Foster:

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction during the month of May, 1907.

Digestive system	89
Nervous system	8
Circulatory system	4
Respiratory system	20
Malarial fever	17
Tuberculosis	17
Congenital malformation	3
Puerperal fever	1
Rickets	5
Uncinariasis	3
Anæmia	5
Alcoholism	1
Old age	1
Carcinoma	1
Total	175